Remarks

Reconsideration is requested in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks. By this Amendment, claims 30-42 are canceled without prejudice. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 43-50 are in the application.

Claims 43-50 were indicated as being objected to on Form PTO-326 that accompanied the Office action of April 21, 2004. In a telephone conference with Examiner Toniae Thomas on May 3, 2004, Examiner Thomas stated that these claims should have been indicated as allowed. Thus, all pending claims are in condition for allowance, and action to such end is requested.

The undersigned thanks Examiner Thomas for her consideration. If any other issues remain, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

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